

RESCUED FROM THE LAKE.

Two Little Girls all Night on Ontario's Waters.

Annie and Irene O'Connor Picked up by the Steamer Lakeside.

Toronto, Aug. 12. After being at the mercy of wind and waves for over twenty-four hours in an open boat on Lake Ontario, Annie and Irene O'Connor, children of Edward O'Connor of Hamilton, were picked up late yesterday afternoon by the steamer Lakeside. The elder girl, who is only fifteen years of age, was almost exhausted, having worked at the oars, according to her statement, nearly all night. Her ten-year-old sister fared a little better, as she spent the night in the stern seat, wrapped up in her elder sister's skirt which the generous-hearted child took off for that purpose. Both girls were tired out when the Lakeside hove in sight, and Annie, the elder, attracted attention by tying her skirt, which had covered the smaller child during the night, to an oar and hoisting it so that the steamer people could see that something was wrong. Long before that, however, Captain Wigle had sighted them and altered the course of his steamer to meet them.

The two girls were at a separate school picnic at Grimsby Park on Wednesday and were left to themselves for some time. Annie and her sister got into a boat which was pushed out from shore by a small boy. Another sister, Maggie, saw them, but thought nothing of it, as Annie could row a little. About supper time the children were first missed and the alarm given out. Nothing could be seen of any boat from the park, but someone recalled seeing them start out.

Nothing more was seen of the children until about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Captain Wigle on his way out from Port Dalhousie with the Lakeside sighted the boat with its forlorn occupants about eight miles from land. He immediately steered for them, and in response to the signal raised by the larger girl blew his whistle. In a short time the boat was alongside the steamer. One of the deckhands jumped into the boat as it came alongside and lifted the children on board the steamer. Annie did not speak much, but was on the point of breaking into tears when her smaller

sister broke out. "We're rescued. Annie. We're rescued." The small piping voice of the child, coupled with the manner in which she said it almost made the passengers break into a laugh.

The children were hurried away to the cabin, where they were given some hot soup and put to bed. The story of the narrow escape of the children was passed around among the passengers and a collection was taken up. When the children were aroused from their slumber when a short distance away from Toronto eleven dollars were handed to Annie as a reward for her courage and generosity in taking care of her frail sister so well. One of the passengers who went through to Montreal on the R. & O. steamer in the evening said he would make it his business to see that an application for a medal for Annie was made.

When the steamer reached Toronto Dr. Riordan was on hand and gave the children some medicine. Their sleep, however, had refreshed them wonderfully and the doctor said that there was no danger. While the doctor was making his examination he noticed Annie's hands. They were blistered and cracked. In one place the skin was torn off, leaving the flesh raw beneath it. Annie, seeing him looking at it, said: "I rowed nearly all of last night, but I had to stop to bail the boat, which leaked." When the boat was recovered it had considerable water in the bottom and both of the children's feet were wet.

The children were taken to Hamilton by the steamer Turbulent. A telegram was sent from Toronto to Mr. O'Connor of twenty-six Harriet street Hamilton, where the children live, telling him of the recovery of the children.

Both of the children have fair hair and features, and during the short time that they saw the passengers became quite friendly and were much petted. The smaller child is not quite as healthy as Annie but her experience was not nearly as bad as the older child's. Annie complained of her arms and shoulders being tired from so much rowing, but said she was otherwise very well.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Major General Sir George French In Toronto.

Major General Sir George Arthur French, who arrived in Toronto Friday and is staying at the King Edwards Hotel, has had a distinguished military career, and is no stranger to Canada. He joined the Royal Artillery in 1870, was adjutant of the Royal Artillery at Kingston, Ontario from 1862 to 1866, and was inspector of artillery, Canada, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, from 1870 to 1873. He raised the Northwest Mounted Police in 1874, 1875 and 1876, and was commandant of forces in Queensland, with rank of colonel, from 1883 to 1895. From 1896 to 1902 as major general, he was commandant of the New South Wales forces, retiring on full pay in September, 1902. He was decorated for services in Canada, and specially with reference to an expedition from Red River to the Rocky Mountains, in command of the Northwest Mounted Police in 1871.

The gallant officer arrived in Montreal on the Lake Manitoba three or four days ago, and will leave Toronto probably on Saturday for the west.

"I am going to Winnipeg," he said yesterday, "and perhaps may reach as far as Calgary."

"Is your visit an official one in any way?" the reporter asked. "No," the general said. "I am out here to see a few friends, and I hope to shoot a wild duck or a prairie chicken."

HER SKIN WAS YELLOW.

"I only had to try Dr. Hamilton's Pills to appreciate their merit," writes Miss Annie S. Bryce of Woodstock. "My system was out of order. My blood was weak and thin. I had a nasty, murky complexion. My skin was hard and dry. The first box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills made a complete change. I felt better at once. Healthy color came into my face. In about three weeks I was cured. Dr. Hamilton's Pills effect an easy cure. Try these good pills, 25c. per box, or five boxes for \$1.00, at all dealers."

BLEW UP A LIQUOR STORE.

Indiana Prohibitionists Use Dynamite In Their War.

Indianapolis, Aug. 11.—Opposition to the sale of liquor in Pike County culminated early this morning in the almost complete destruction of the wholesale liquor store of Curtis & Agee at Hosmer. For several months the people of that place have been engaged in the war of extermination against the saloons, but liquor has been sold in spite of the efforts to suppress it. Curtis & Agee professed not to sell except at wholesale, but the people seem to have attributed the nullification of their efforts to close saloons to the firm.

Early this morning the villagers were awakened by a loud explosion. When they reached the streets they found the wholesale store rent almost in two by dynamite. The liquor was running from numerous barrels and kegs which had been burst by the explosion. The building was

FOOD FOR BRITAIN IN WAR TIME

Royal Commission Presents Its Report to Parliament — British Ports Could Not Be Blockaded.

London, Aug. 9.—The Royal Commission, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, appointed in April, 1903, to study the question of the importation of food in the time of war and similar subjects, has just presented its report to parliament. The contents of the report, have not yet been published, but on the whole it is said that they are reassuring. The main report, which is referred to by all the commissioners, concludes that there is no cause for apprehension and uneasiness because it would be virtually impossible, notwithstanding the adequacy of the fleet, for the whole of the British coasts to be blockaded simultaneously. At the same time, the commissioners do not discourage the experiment in the direction of the storage of grain for times of emergency.

An important reservation, almost amounting to a minority report, signed by the Duke of Sutherland, and some other of the commissioners points out that at certain seasons of the year there is only six weeks' reserve of grain stored in England, and strongly urges the importance of the adoption of a national system of grain storage.

PROVED IN MOUNT FOREST.

Every doctor in this town tried his best to relieve Mrs. J. Withom of asthma; none succeeded. "For years I was a dreadful sufferer," she states, "nothing gave me relief. At times I found it necessary to have all the doors and windows open to get my breath. When I used it and am now perfectly cured." This proves beyond doubt that any case of asthma is curable with "Catarrhoxone." No remedy so pleasant, none so absolutely certain to thoroughly cure; try "Catarrhoxone" yourself; it's guaranteed.

TOOK WRONG BABY.

Exciting Incident of a Butchers' Barbecue.

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 12.—There was a funny mix-up of babies yesterday at the butchers' barbecue at Port Dalhousie, which was attended by seven thousand people. When a lady got to the street car station here on her return home she found she had brought home a strange baby and left her own behind. The baby was about a year and a half old, about the age of her own, and dressed the same. The baby had cried all the way up on the car, which surprised the lady, who had always boasted of her child's good-nature. She discovered her mistake in the difference in the underclothes. Matters were righted when the next car came up to the

city bringing a lady with the other baby. The second mother had not been mistaken in the children, and when her baby disappeared she was nearly frantic. A telephone message from the city apprising her of the state of affairs eased her mind. In the rush to get on the street car the first mother had picked up the wrong infant.

A Bold Bet.

In Thomas E. Farish's book, "Gold Hunters of California," are some good stories of the old days. Here is a yarn about the biggest gambling Mr. Farish knew of in that time of big betting: "A man of the name of Moore had been betting and lost over and over sums aggregating several thousands of dollars on the game of faro. Finally, as he turned to leave, the dealer asked, 'Are you through?' Moore halted, hesitated, then, turning and taking from his pocket a key, held it up and said, 'I will bet you everything in my safe, which this key unlocks, on the ten.' 'How much is in your safe?' inquired the dealer. 'I do not know, but it is a large sum. If you win take the key, open the safe and secure all the money you find there. If I win we will go to the safe together, count the money and you must cover the amount,' was the answer. The challenge was accepted, the bet made, and Moore won something over \$47,000."

London's "Molochs."

At the beginning of the eighteenth century a number of ruffianly young men of the higher classes—called by Swift "a race of rakes that play the devil about the town every night"—known as "Molochs," infested London, sallying out drunk into the streets, carrying short clubs loaded with lead at both ends and perpetrating shameful cruelties upon peaceable passersby, wantonly wounding and disfiguring the men and subjecting all alike to atrocious insults.

Lucky says that matrons inclosed in barrels were rolled down the steep and stony Snow hill. Watchmen were unmercifully beaten and their noses were slit. Coaches and chairs were overturned on rubbish heaps, and country gentlemen visiting the theaters had to be accompanied by their armed retainers as if in time of war.

In many parts of England a husband who beats his wife or a wife who henpecks her husband is serenaded with "rough music"—that is, the sounds produced by drums, tin pans, horns and other objects, the general effect being that of a charivari.

A Bank Note Expert.

A man has been arrested in Paris whose method was to tear a different piece off each of a number of bank notes and then, placing the pieces together, produce a complete bank note which he was able to pass.

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